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SUBJ: MILITARY EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS (MEL) - SUB-

MISSIONS TO UNSYG FOR USE BY EXPERTS' GROUP

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1. ON JULY 22 EMBOFF RAISED MILITARY EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS (MEL) WITH ANDRE MISTRAL, ACTING CHIEF, PACTS AND DISARAMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. DRAWING ON REFTTEL EMBOFF RECALLED AUGUST 1976 MEETING BETWEEN MISTRAL AND BECKER. AS INSTRUCTED EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF PARA 6, LEAVING WITH MISTRAL A COPY OF TALKING POINTS. PER PARA 7 OF REF, EMBOFF REQUESTED CURRENT FRENCH VIEWS AND ASKED WHETHER GOF WOULD BE RESPONDING TO SYG'S REQUEST OF JUNE 21 FOR COMMENTS.

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2. MISTRAL RESPONDED THAT MEL ISSUE HAS BECOME MORE THAN SOVIET PROPAGANDA EXERCISE WHICH WAS ITS ORIGIN. HOWEVER, FRANCE IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT. DATA ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES FOR THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES IS AVAILABLE IN THE OPEN PRESS. WHETHER ANYTHING WOULD COME FROM THE EAST IS QUESTIONABLE. HOWEVER RESTRUCTURING DATA TO FIT A UN FORMAT WILL INVOLVE A GREAT

DEAL OF EFFORT.

3. MISTRAL DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GOF WOULD RESPOND TO THE SYG PRIOR TO THE END OF THE YEAR. FRANCE WOULD FIRST PREFER TO SEE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, DEVELOPS ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE FALL UNGA. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, MISTRAL DID NOT BELIEVE FRANCE WOULD FORESEE MUCH OF A ROLE FOR MEL.

4. IN CONCLUSION MISTRAL SAID THE QUAI WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THIS DEMARCHE AND REFLECT ON IT.

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